

EXHIBIT 17

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS
EASTERN DIVISION

John J. Vaughn, Gerald A. Kalbfleisch,
and Michael and Myrtle Hathaway,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Putnam Investment Management, LLC and
Putnam Retail Management, LLP,

Defendants.

Number 04-CV-10988 (GAO)

**W. THOMAS STEPHENS' OBJECTIONS TO
SUBPOENA FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS
AND TO NOTICE OF DEPOSITION**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45(c)(2)(B), W. Thomas Stephens, through undersigned counsel, hereby objects to the subpoena dated October 6, 2006 (the "Subpoena") and to the notice of taking deposition dated October 6, 2006 (the "Notice") served by Plaintiffs in the above-captioned matter (the "Action") as follows:

Response and Objections to the Notice

1. Mr. Stephens responds to the Notice without waiver of or prejudice to his right, at any time, to raise objections to (a) the relevance, materiality or admissibility of the Notice or any statements made in response to the Notice; or (b) any further demand for discovery involving or relating to the matters raised in the Notice.
2. Mr. Stephens objects to the Notice to the extent that it seeks any "privileged" information. The term "privileged" shall refer to any information that is protected from

discovery under the attorney-client privilege, attorney work-product protection, joint-defense privilege, common interest privilege, and/or any other applicable privilege, immunity, protection, doctrine, statute, regulation, rule, decision, order or exemption that would make the information immune or exempt from discovery. In all instances, Mr. Stephens intends to preserve all claims of privilege to the fullest possible extent.

3. Mr. Stephens objects to the Notice to the extent that it purports to impose obligations different from and greater than what is required by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Local Rules, or other applicable law.

4. Mr. Stephens objects to the Notice on the grounds that the Notice purports to require Mr. Stephens to appear for a deposition that will "continue from day to day . . . until completed." Mr. Stephens objects further to the Notice to the extent that the Notice purports to require Mr. Stephens to testify for more than one day of seven hours.

5. Mr. Stephens objects to the Notice to the extent that it purports to require Mr. Stephens to appear for a deposition at the offices of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi.

6. Mr. Stephens objects to the Notice to the extent that it does not comply with the requirement of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c)(1) that a subpoena to third parties shall "avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena."

7. Mr. Stephens objects to the Notice because it unreasonably fixes a date for the deposition in the near future without regard to the availability of Mr. Stephens, for whom such scheduling would constitute an undue burden.

Based on these objections, Mr. Stephens declines to make himself available for a deposition under the terms imposed by the Notice.

General Responses and Objections to the Subpoena

1. Mr. Stephens responds to the Subpoena without waiver of or prejudice to his right, at any time, to raise objections to (a) the relevance, materiality or admissibility of (i) the Subpoena or any part thereof, (ii) statements made in this response to the Subpoena or any part thereof, or (iii) any document produced pursuant to this response; or (b) any further demand for discovery involving or relating to the matters raised in the Subpoena. Mr. Stephens objects to the Subpoena to the extent that it seeks any documents or information not relevant to the Action.
2. Mr. Stephens objects to the Subpoena to the extent that its requests are vague, ambiguous, overly broad, unduly burdensome, oppressive, do not comply with the requirement of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c)(1) that a subpoena to third parties shall "avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena" or are not otherwise reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Mr. Stephens objects further to the Subpoena on the grounds that many of the requests contained in the Subpoena seek "all documents" or "all written communications" relating to a subject matter, without further limitation or focus.
3. Mr. Stephens objects to the Subpoena on the grounds that its requests are unreasonably cumulative or duplicative, including but not limited to the fact that its requests are cumulative or duplicative of the requests contained in the previous subpoena served on Mr. Stephens on or about January 4, 2006 (the "January Subpoena").

4. Mr. Stephens objects to the Subpoena on the grounds that the Subpoena requests documents and information that could have been sought in the January Subpoena but were not.

5. Mr. Stephens objects to the Subpoena on the grounds that the Subpoena purports to require re-searching or re-examining files or documents that were previously searched and/or reviewed in an effort to comply with the January Subpoena.

6. Mr. Stephens objects to the Subpoena to the extent that compliance with the Subpoena would be a burden on Mr. Stephens or would impose additional expense upon the Putnam Funds. Mr. Stephens further objects to the Subpoena to the extent that the costs associated with responding to the Subpoena are to be borne by any party other than the Plaintiffs.

7. Mr. Stephens objects generally to the time periods specified in the Subpoena to the extent that they are overly broad, unduly burdensome, oppressive, do not comply with the requirement of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c)(1) that a subpoena to third parties shall “avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena” or are not otherwise reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

8. Mr. Stephens objects, in particular, to the Subpoena to the extent that it requests documents for the period January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002, on the grounds that such documents could have, and should have, been requested in the January Subpoena but were not and that, as a consequence, to require Mr. Stephens to re-examine and re-search documents and files previously searched in the process of collecting documents for purposes of responding to the January Subpoena would be unreasonable, unduly burdensome and costly.

9. Mr. Stephens objects further to the Subpoena to the extent that it seeks documents created, sent or received after January 4, 2006, the date of service of the January Subpoena, on the grounds that such documents are irrelevant and not likely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Mr. Stephens objects further on the grounds that the production of such documents would be unduly burdensome and costly.

10. Mr. Stephens objects further to the Subpoena to the extent it seeks documents created, sent or received after January 4, 2006 on the grounds that Mr. Stephens understands that the scope of the relevant time period for discovery in the Action is currently a matter of dispute between the parties and that, therefore, in the absence of any ruling from the Court with respect to that dispute, the requests contained in the Subpoena seeking documents created, sent or received after January 4, 2006 are objectionable.

11. Mr. Stephens objects to the Subpoena to the extent that it purports to require the continuing review, collection, and production of documents that are not yet in existence. Requiring such ongoing efforts is overly broad, unduly burdensome, oppressive, and does not comply with the requirement of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c)(1) that a subpoena to third parties shall “avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena.”

12. Mr. Stephens objects to the Subpoena to the extent that it purports to impose obligations different from and greater than what is required by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Local Rules, or other applicable law.

13. Mr. Stephens objects generally to the Subpoena to the extent that it purports to vary the meaning of any term from its usual and customary meaning in ordinary usage or from the definition of such term under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or the Local Rules.

14. Mr. Stephens objects, in particular, to the use of the term "Management Contract" in the Subpoena on the grounds that such term is undefined by the Subpoena; it is, therefore, not possible to determine whether the Subpoena's use of the term "Management Contract" is consistent with Mr. Stephens's understanding of the term.

15. Mr. Stephens objects, in particular, to the use of the term "economies of scale" in the Subpoena on the grounds that such term is undefined by the Subpoena; it is, therefore, not possible to determine from the Subpoena whether the Subpoena's use of the term "economies of scale" is consistent with Mr. Stephens's understanding of the term.

16. Mr. Stephens objects, in particular, to the definition of "PIM" that is contained in the Subpoena on the grounds that the definition of the acronym in the Subpoena is inconsistent with the ordinary meaning of that acronym as it is used in connection with the business affairs of the Funds. As an example, as written, the definition of "PIM" includes "any of its . . . affiliates" and, therefore, includes within the definition of "PIM" separate corporate entities, such as PRM, PFTC and PAC, that are not a part of PIM, as that acronym is used in the ordinary course of Fund business.

17. Mr. Stephens objects, in particular, to the definition of "PRM" that is contained in the Subpoena on the grounds that the definition of the acronym in the Subpoena is inconsistent with the ordinary meaning of that acronym as it is used in connection with the business affairs of the Funds. As an example, as written, the definition of "PRM" includes "any of its . . . affiliates" and, therefore, includes within the definition of "PRM" separate corporate entities, such as PIM, PFTC and PAC, that are not a part of PRM, as that acronym is used in the ordinary course of Fund business.

18. Mr. Stephens objects, in particular, to the definition of "PAC" that is contained in the Subpoena on the grounds that the definition of the acronym in the Subpoena is inconsistent with the ordinary meaning of that acronym as it is used in connection with the business affairs of the Funds. As an example, as written, the definition of "PAC" includes "any of its . . . affiliates" and, therefore, includes within the definition of "PAC" separate corporate entities, such as PIM, PRM and PFTC, that are not a part of PAC, as that acronym is used in the ordinary course of Fund business.

19. Mr. Stephens objects, in particular, to the definition of "Putnam Mutual Funds" that is contained in the Subpoena. The Second Amended Complaint in this Action was filed on behalf of Plaintiffs who allege that they are shareholders of the following five Putnam mutual funds -- Putnam Growth Opportunity Fund, Putnam Voyager Fund, Putnam Classic Equity Fund, Putnam Fund for Growth and Income and the Putnam Investors Fund. Mr. Stephens objects to the Subpoena to the extent that it seeks the production of documents or information concerning any Putnam Funds other than the Putnam Growth Opportunity Fund, Putnam Voyager Fund, Putnam Classic Equity Fund, Putnam Fund for Growth and Income and the Putnam Investors Fund.

20. Mr. Stephens objects, in particular, to the definition of "Board of Trustees Committees" that is contained in the Subpoena to the extent that it includes Committees, the affairs of which have no relevance to the Action. Mr. Stephens further objects to the definition of "Board of Trustees Committees" to the extent that the definition names Committees not existing during the time period covered by the Subpoena.

21. Mr. Stephens objects to the Subpoena to the extent that it seeks the production of any document or information (i) that is identical to any document or information available from, or in the possession of, the Plaintiffs; (ii) that is more readily accessible from a party to the Action or from another source; or (iii) that is publicly available or accessible (including from the Edgar database maintained by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, from any publication, on any page or site on the world wide web or on a public database such as Westlaw, Lexis or Bloomberg), on the grounds that production by Mr. Stephens under such circumstances is unnecessary, burdensome, and cumulative.

22. Mr. Stephens objects to the Subpoena to the extent that it purports to seek any “privileged” document or information. The term “privileged” shall refer to any document or information that is protected from discovery under the attorney-client privilege, attorney work-product protection, joint-defense privilege, common interest privilege, and/or any other applicable privilege, immunity, protection, doctrine, statute, regulation, rule, decision, order or exemption that would make the document or information immune or exempt from discovery. In all instances, Mr. Stephens intends to preserve all claims of privilege to the fullest possible extent. No privileged document will be produced. If any privileged documents or information are disclosed, except pursuant to a written statement specifically referencing such documents, such disclosure shall be deemed inadvertent and shall not be deemed a waiver of any applicable privilege.

23. Mr. Stephens objects generally to the Subpoena to the extent that it seeks documents concerning Mr. Stephens that are of a confidential, personal or proprietary nature.

24. Mr. Stephens objects to the Subpoena to the extent it seeks the production of any confidential documents or information in the absence of a binding confidentiality stipulation and protective order.

25. Mr. Stephens objects to the definition of “documents and tangible things” contained in the Subpoena to the extent it calls for the production of electronic documents not entirely in the possession or control of Mr. Stephens, individually, or the Trustees collectively. Mr. Stephens further objects to the Subpoena to the extent it purports to require him to conduct searches for electronic documents stored on servers, back-up tapes and other electronic archives on the grounds that such searches would be cumulative of the searches that have been conducted, are unduly burdensome and may not be permitted by applicable law or corporate policies.

26. Mr. Stephens objects to any requests in the Subpoena seeking documents from the “staff of the Board of Trustees” as vague, ambiguous, overly broad, unduly burdensome and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

27. Mr. Stephens objects generally to the Subpoena to the extent that it purports to seek the production of documents that are not within Mr. Stephens’s possession, custody or control.

28. Mr. Stephens reserves the right at any time to revise, correct, add to or clarify the general objections set forth above and/or the specific responses set forth below.

29. Each of the following Specific Objections incorporates by reference every one of the foregoing General Objections.

Specific Responses and Objections

REQUEST NUMBER 1:

All documents and tangible things in your possession, custody or control constituting contracts or agreements between and among you and any other entity or person concerning or referring to your position on the Board of Trustees for the Funds during the time period of January 1, 2002 through the present.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NUMBER 1:

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Mr. Stephens objects to Request Number 1 on the grounds that the request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, unduly burdensome, is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and does not comply with the requirement of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c)(1) that a subpoena to third parties shall "avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena." Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 1 on the grounds that it is duplicative of other requests contained in the Subpoena and of requests contained in the January Subpoena. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 1 on the grounds that the Request also contains requests that could have been included in the January Subpoena but were not. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 1 to the extent it seeks production of "all documents and tangible things" because, as such, it purports to require a burdensome, laborious and expensive search and review of many of the same files and records that were previously searched and reviewed in response to the January Subpoena.

Mr. Stephens will not produce any documents in response to Request Number 1.

REQUEST NUMBER 2:

All documents and tangible things in your possession, custody or control that addresses, identifies, describes or otherwise sets forth the compensation, benefits, or anything else of value given you in connection with your position on the Board of Trustees for the Funds during the time period of January 1, 2002 through the present.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NUMBER 2:

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Mr. Stephens objects to Request Number 2 on the grounds that the request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, unduly burdensome, and does not comply with the requirement of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c)(1) that a subpoena to third parties shall "avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena." Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 2 on the grounds that it is duplicative of other requests contained in the Subpoena and of requests contained in the January Subpoena. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 2 on the grounds that the Request also contains requests that could have been included in the January Subpoena but were not. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 2 to the extent it seeks production of "all documents and tangible things" because, as such, it purports to require a burdensome, laborious and expensive search and review of many of the same files and records that were previously searched and reviewed in response to the January Subpoena.

Mr. Stephens will not produce any documents in response to Request Number 2.

REQUEST NUMBER 3:

All documents and tangible things in your possession, custody or control that addresses, identifies, describes or otherwise sets forth the Trustee Compensation Deferral Plan, the Retirement Plan, the Retirement Plan for Trustees of the Putnam Funds and the Noncontributory Defined Benefits Plan (collectively, the "Plans") in effect during the time period of January 1, 2002 through the present, as those Plans are identified in the Funds' Statements of Additional Information and Annual Reports.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NUMBER 3:

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Mr. Stephens objects to Request Number 3 on the grounds that the request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, unduly burdensome, and does not comply with the requirement of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c)(1) that a subpoena to third parties shall "avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to

that subpoena." Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 3 on the grounds that it is duplicative of other requests contained in the Subpoena and of requests contained in the January Subpoena. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 3 on the grounds that the Request also contains requests that could have been included in the January Subpoena but were not. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 3 to the extent it seeks production of "all documents and tangible things" because, as such, it purports to require a burdensome, laborious and expensive search and review of many of the same files and records that were previously searched and reviewed in response to the January Subpoena.

Mr. Stephens will not produce any documents in response to Request Number 3.

REQUEST NUMBER 4:

All minutes of meetings of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Trustees Committees including, but not limited to, all drafts, versions and proposals thereof.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NUMBER 4:

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Mr. Stephens objects to Request Number 4 on the grounds that the request is overly broad, unduly burdensome, and does not comply with the requirement of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c)(1) that a subpoena to third parties shall "avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena." Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 4 on the grounds that it is duplicative of other requests contained in the Subpoena. Mr. Stephens further objects Request Number 4 on the grounds that the Request also contains requests that could have been included in the January Subpoena but were not. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 4 to the extent it seeks production of "all drafts, versions and proposals thereof" because, as such, it purports to require a burdensome, laborious and expensive search and review of many of the same files and records that were previously searched and reviewed in response to the January Subpoena.

Mr. Stephens will not produce any documents in response to Request Number 4.

REQUEST NUMBER 5:

All charters that have been or are applicable to the Board of Trustees and the Board of Trustees Committees for any of The Funds.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NUMBER 5:

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Mr. Stephens objects to Request Number 5 on the grounds that the request does not comply with the requirement of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c)(1) that a subpoena to third parties shall "avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena." Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 5 on the grounds that it is duplicative of other requests contained in the Subpoena. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 5 on the grounds that the Request also contains requests that could have been included in the January Subpoena but were not.

Mr. Stephens will not produce any documents in response to Request Number 5.

REQUEST NUMBER 6:

All Agendas and other materials (other than the "Black Books" and the quarterly 12b-1 reports) provided to the Trustees in connection with meetings of the Board of Trustees or the Board of Trustees Committees or the review of management and 12b-1 fees.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NUMBER 6:

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Mr. Stephens objects to Request Number 6 on the grounds that the request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, unduly burdensome, and does not comply with the requirement of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c)(1) that a subpoena to third parties shall "avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena." Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 6 on the grounds that it is duplicative of other requests contained in the Subpoena. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 6 on the grounds that the Request also contains requests that could have been included

in the January Subpoena but were not. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 6 to the extent it seeks production of "all Agendas and other materials" because, as such, it purports to require a burdensome, laborious and expensive search and review of many of the same files and records that were previously searched and reviewed in response to the January Subpoena.

Mr. Stephens will not produce any documents in response to Request Number 6.

REQUEST NUMBER 7:

All notes taken by you in connection with the Trustees' review and approval of the Management Contract for the Funds.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NUMBER 7:

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Mr. Stephens objects to Request Number 7 on the grounds that the request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, unduly burdensome, and does not comply with the requirement of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c)(1) that a subpoena to third parties shall "avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena." Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 7 on the grounds that it is duplicative of other requests contained in the Subpoena. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 7 on the grounds that the Request also contains requests that could have been included in the January Subpoena but were not. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 7 to the extent it seeks production of "all notes" because, as such, it purports to require a burdensome, laborious and expensive search and review of many of the same files and records that were previously searched and reviewed in response to the January Subpoena.

Mr. Stephens will not produce any documents in response to Request Number 7.

REQUEST NUMBER 8:

All notes taken by you in connection with the Trustees' review and approval of the Distribution Plan for the Funds.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NUMBER 8:

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Mr. Stephens objects to Request Number 8 on the grounds that the request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, unduly burdensome, and does not comply with the requirement of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c)(1) that a subpoena to third parties shall "avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena." Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 8 on the grounds that it is duplicative of other requests contained in the Subpoena. Mr. Stephens Further objects to Request Number 8 on the grounds that the Request also contains requests that could have been included in the January Subpoena but were not. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 8 to the extent it seeks production of "all notes" because, as such, it purports to require a burdensome, laborious and expensive search and review of many of the same files and records that were previously searched and reviewed in response to the January Subpoena.

Mr. Stephens will not produce any documents in response to Request Number 8.

REQUEST NUMBER 9:

All written communications between PIM and PRM, on the one hand, and any Trustee, on the other hand.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NUMBER 9:

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Mr. Stephens objects to Request Number 9 on the grounds that the request is overly broad, unduly burdensome, and does not comply with the requirement of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c)(1) that a subpoena to third parties shall "avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena." Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 9 on the grounds that it is duplicative of other requests contained in the Subpoena. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 9 on the grounds that the Request also contains requests that could have been included in the January Subpoena

but were not. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 9 to the extent it seeks production of "all written communications" because, as such, it purports to require a burdensome, laborious and expensive search and review of many of the same files and records that were previously searched and reviewed in response to the January Subpoena.

Mr. Stephens will not produce any documents in response to Request Number 9.

REQUEST NUMBER 10:

All written communications between the staff of the Office of the Trustees, on the one hand, and any Trustee, on the other hand.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NUMBER 10:

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Mr. Stephens objects to Request Number 10 on the grounds that the request is overly broad, unduly burdensome, and does not comply with the requirement of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c)(1) that a subpoena to third parties shall "avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena." Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 10 on the grounds that it is duplicative of other requests contained in the Subpoena. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 10 on the grounds that the Request also contains requests that could have been included in the January Subpoena but were not. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 10 to the extent it seeks production of "all written communications" because, as such, it purports to require a burdensome, laborious and expensive search and review of many of the same files and records that were previously searched and reviewed in response to the January Subpoena.

Mr. Stephens will not produce any documents in response to Request Number 10.

REQUEST NUMBER 11:

All written communications between or among members of the Board of Trustees made in connection with the Trustees review and approval of the Distribution Plan and the Management Contract for the Funds.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NUMBER 11:

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Mr. Stephens objects to Request Number 11 on the grounds that the request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, unduly burdensome, and does not comply with the requirement of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c)(1) that a subpoena to third parties shall "avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena." Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 11 on the grounds that it is duplicative of other requests contained in the Subpoena. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 11 on the grounds that the Request also contains requests that could have been included in the January Subpoena but were not. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 11 to the extent it seeks production of "all written communications" because, as such, it purports to require a burdensome, laborious and expensive search and review of many of the same files and records that were previously searched and reviewed in response to the January Subpoena.

Mr. Stephens will not produce any documents in response to Request Number 11.

REQUEST NUMBER 12:

All written communications between or among members of the Board of Trustees concerning or referring to the management fees or 12b-1 fees charged to the Funds, the services provided by PIM or PRM to the Funds, fall-out benefits or soft dollars, and economies of scale.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NUMBER 12:

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Mr. Stephens objects to Request Number 12 on the grounds that the request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, unduly burdensome, and does not comply with the requirement of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c)(1) that a subpoena to third parties shall "avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena." Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 12 on the grounds that it is duplicative of other requests contained in the Subpoena. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 12 on the grounds that the Request also contains requests that could have been included

in the January Subpoena but were not. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 12 to the extent it seeks production of "all written communications" because, as such, it purports to require a burdensome, laborious and expensive search and review of many of the same files and records that were previously searched and reviewed in response to the January Subpoena.

Mr. Stephens will not produce any documents in response to Request Number 12.

REQUEST NUMBER 13:

All written communications between or among members of the Board of Trustees concerning or referring to conflicts of interest between the Putnam Mutual Funds or their shareholders on the one hand, and PIM on the other.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NUMBER 13:

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Mr. Stephens objects to Request Number 13 on the grounds that the request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, unduly burdensome, and does not comply with the requirement of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c)(1) that a subpoena to third parties shall "avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena." Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 13 on the grounds that it is duplicative of other requests contained in the Subpoena. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 13 on the grounds that the Request also contains requests that could have been included in the January Subpoena but were not. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 13 to the extent it seeks production of "all written communications" because, as such, it purports to require a burdensome, laborious and expensive search and review of many of the same files and records that were previously searched and reviewed in response to the January Subpoena.

Mr. Stephens will not produce any documents in response to Request Number 13.

REQUEST NUMBER 14:

All written communications between or among members of the Board of Trustees concerning or referring to any consideration by the Trustees of the factors for assessing the reasonableness of Management Fees established in *Gartenberg v. Merrill Lynch Asset Management, Inc.*, 694 F.2d 923 (2d Cir. 1982) and its progeny.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NUMBER 14:

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Mr. Stephens objects to Request Number 14 on the grounds that the request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, unduly burdensome, and does not comply with the requirement of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c)(1) that a subpoena to third parties shall "avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena." Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 14 on the grounds that it is duplicative of other requests contained in the Subpoena. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 14 on the grounds that the Request also contains requests that could have been included in the January Subpoena but were not. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 14 to the extent it seeks production of "all written communications" because, as such, it purports to require a burdensome, laborious and expensive search and review of many of the same files and records that were previously searched and reviewed in response to the January Subpoena.

Mr. Stephens will not produce any documents in response to Request Number 14.

REQUEST NUMBER 15:

All engagement letters between the Trustees and Ropes & Gray effective for the time period January 1, 2002 through the present.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NUMBER 15:

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Mr. Stephens objects to Request Number 15 on the grounds that it seeks privileged information. Mr. Stephens Further objects to the extent that Request Number 15 contains requests that could have been included in the January Subpoena but were not. Mr. Stephens further objects to Request Number 15 on the

grounds that the request is vague and ambiguous. Mr. Stephens further objects to the use of the term "engagement letter" in Request Number 15 on the grounds that such term is undefined by the Subpoena.

Mr. Stephens will not produce documents in response to Request Number 15.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Responses & Objections to Subpoena for Production of Documents and to Notice of Deposition were served upon the following persons by First Class Mail, postage pre-paid, this 27th day of October, 2006:

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